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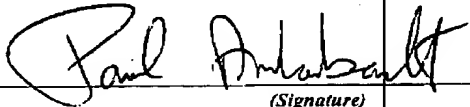
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Reply to Final Office Action of Sept 18, 2006

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In Re: U.S. Patent Application of Benoit LAFLAMME

App. No.: 09/709,787

Group Art Unit: 2125

Filed: November 07, 2000

Examiner: Michael D. MASINICK

For: SPA CONTROLLER COMPUTER INTERFACE

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, kindly amend the application as follows, and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.